Maharashtra, resigning his seat in the Rajya Sabha. I have accepted his resignation with effect from the 18th March, 2005.

STATEMENT REGARDING GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE ON THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): With your permission, Sir, I rise to announce that Government Business during the week commencing Monday, the 21st March, 2005 will consist of:—

1. Consideration of any item of Government Business carried over from today's Order Paper.
2. Discussion on the Statutory Resolution seeking approval of the proclamation issued by the President under Article 356 of the Constitution in relation to the State of Bihar.
3. Discussion on Bihar Budget, 2005-06.
4. Consideration and return of the following Bills after they have been passed by Lok Sabha:—
   a. The Bihar Appropriation (Vote-on-Account) Bill, 2005.
   b. The Bihar Appropriation Bill, 2005.
5. Consideration and passing of the Coastal Aquaculture Authority Bill, 2004.

MATTER RAISED WITH PERMISSION

Re. Denial of U.S. Visa to Chief Minister Of Gujarat

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I rise to make a very brief mention of a matter that concerns all of us, and has, indeed, concerned all of us since yesterday. Sir, yesterday, my Leader of the Party in Lok Sabha shared with me that the Government of United States of America had taken a certain action in regard to the Chief Minister of the State of Gujarat. I must admit that my first reaction upon reading the letter that had accompanied it was of outrage. And because I was outraged yesterday, I did not wish to react in anger and I had said as much to Shri L.K. Advaniji. I shared most of my views and observations with him then. Sir, I will be very brief with the hon.